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1. EMBASSY SUBMITTED DIPLOPETIC NOTE APRIL 27 TO MFA CON-
VEYING WESTERN FIVER CONTACT GROUP MESSAGE AND PROPOSALS
ON NAMIBIA (REFTELS KAAND B). WE INFORMED EMBASSIES
OF UK, FRANCE, AND W. GERMANY OF OUR APPROACH AND SENT
COPIES OF NOTE TO THEM (CANADA HAS NO PERMANENT REPRESENTATION
IN DAMASCUS BUT IS REPRESENTED THROUGH EMBASSY IN BEIRUT).
WEST GERMAN HAD ALREADY IN ERROR SENT LETTER THIS SUBJECT
FORM BENSCHER TO FONMIN KHADDAM WHICH ASKED FOR SYRIAN
SUPPORT FOR WESTERN FIVE PROPOSAL, POINTED OUT INFO IN FYI
PARA 6 REF A, AND SPOKE OF OUR ACTIONS AND EXPECTATIONS IN
UNSC AND UNGA SPECIAL SESSION.

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2. ON SAME DAY POLOFF RAISED THIS ISSUE AS WELL AS
RHODESIA IN CONTEXT OF NAM DISCUSSION (REF C) WITH MFA
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DEPUTY DIVISION DIRECTOR JAZZAR WHO
SAID SYRIA WAS WAITING FOR REACTION OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES
TO WESTERN PROPOSALS. IN ANY EVENT SYRIA WILL SUPPORT
STAND TAKEN BY AFRICAN GROUP ON BOTH NAMIBIA AND RHODESIA.

3. JAZZAR NOTED THAT USG POLICY ON AFRICA HAS CHANGED CONSIDERABLY UNDER PRESIDENT CARTER AND THAT SYRIA AND OTHER MEMBERS OF NAM HAVE BEEN VERY FAVORABLY IMPRESSED BY SINCERITY AND INTEGRITY OF NEW US DIRECTION. EVEN CUBAN DEPUTY FONMIN, DURING APRIL 15 CONSULTATIONS WITH SARG, EXPRESSED POSITIVE REACTION TO RESPONSIBLE US POLICY THROUGHOUT AFRICA. JAZZAR SAID THAT AT LONG LAST SOLUTION TO NAMIBIA PROBLEMS, WHICH HAS BEEN CONSTANT IRRITANT TO WORLD PEACE SINCE FOUNDING OF UN, SEEMA POSSIBLE AND THIS IS ZHNAKS TO USG.
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